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SETTING UP OF WORKERS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an expert committee to look into the prospects of establishing a Workers Technical University ;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government ;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the committee ;

(d) whether the committee recommended contribution from the industry to finance this University ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whether the headquarters of the University has been recommended at Hyderabad; and

(g) if so, the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The Committee constituted by this Ministry under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy has since submitted its report in December, 2006. The report recommended establishment of a Workers Technical University for inter- alia training the students from workers family and those belonging to economically poor sections of the society particularly from rural areas to make them more relevant to the needs of today's technology intensive and knowledge driven industrial society.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Committee recommended the industry to contribute a small percentage of their gross profit (ranging from 0.5% to 2%) as the education cess for the proposed university.

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir. The Committee recommended that the jurisdiction of the proposed National Workers Technical University shall be the whole of the country, having the main campus at Hyderabad with regional centers at different major cities in the country. The Ministry has constituted a Core Committee to work out the details of establishment of the National Workers Technical University. The XIth plan has not been finalized.